

IN THE SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE:

BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE and
FORD MOTOR CO. TIRE CASES

Case No. 01MD-2

ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 16, T.R.C.P. and the inherent powers of the Court, the Court hereby

ORDERS:

1. **Pre-Trial Consolidation.** This Order shall apply to all cases filed in the trial courts of Davidson County, as of this date or afterwards, in which Bridgestone, Inc., Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. and Ford Motor Co. are named co-defendants. These cases are consolidated for pre-trial purposes only. This Order is not a determination that any of these actions should be consolidated for trial, and does not have the effect of making any entity a party to an action in which it has not been named and served.

2. **Master Docket and File.** The Clerk will maintain a master docket and case file under the style "In Re: Bridgestone / Firestone and Ford Motor Co. Tire Cases," master file number 01MD-2. All orders, pleadings, motions, and other documents will, when filed and docketed in the master case file, be deemed filed and docketed in each individual case to the extent applicable.

3. **Captions; Separate Filing.** Orders, pleadings, motions, and other documents will bear a caption similar to that of this Order. If generally applicable to all consolidated actions, they shall include in their caption the notation that they relate to "ALL CASES" and be filed and docketed only in the master file. Documents intended to apply only to particular cases and which would not be of interest except to the parties directly affected by it should bear the caption and case number of that specific case rather than the master file. Any such document shall be docketed and filed in that specific case and not in the master file.

Any additional cases will be filed as all other cases and assigned to this Court. They will receive a regular civil docket number. Service and other specific pleadings will be recorded on this docket number. Upon filing an additional case in which Bridgestone, Inc., Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. and Ford Motor Co. are co-defendants, it will be automatically consolidated for pretrial purposes in 01MD-2.

It is so **ORDERED**.

Entered this the _____ day of May, 2001.


THOMAS W. BROTHERS, JUDGE

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Order has been mailed to STEVE NORTH at 1215 Gallatin Pike South, Madison, TN 37115; STEVEN RILEY, JOY SONNHALTER, and SALVADOR HERNANDEZ at 1906 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203; JAMES SANDERS at 150 Fourth Avenue North, Suite 2000, Nashville, TN 37219; STEPHEN MARCUM at 3 Courthouse Square, P.O. Box 8, Huntsville, AL 37756; RICHARD DENNEY and LYDIA JOANN BARRETT at 870 Copperfield Drive, Norman, OK 73072; JOHN MERRITT at 917 North Robinson, P.O. Box 1377, Oklahoma City, OK 73101; RICHARD LAGARDE at 440 Louisiana, Suite 1200, Houston, TX 77002; ROBERT LANGDON, J. KENT EMISON, BRADLEY KUHLMAN, MARK EVANS, 911 Main Street, P.O. Box 220, Lexington, MO 64057; and J. RANDOLPH BIBB at 211 Commerce Street, Suite 1000, Nashville, TN 37201 on this the 21st day of May, 2001.


Deputy Clerk